

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

North Santiam Watershed Council

March 21, 2023

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Our Mission:

Providing opportunities for stakeholders to cooperate in promoting and sustaining the health of the watershed and its communities.

Directors Present:

Suzette Boudreaux (Director - Little North Fork Subbasin Representative – President)

Jan Irene Miller – (Director – Lower North Santiam Subbasin - Secretary

Kathy Bridges – (Director – At Large - Treasurer)

Rebecca McCoun – (Director - General)

Directors Absent: Brent Stevenson – (Director - Water Control District Representative – Vice President)

NSWC Staff Present:

Brandin Hilbrandt (Acting Executive Director)

General Members & Guests Present: Elijah Welsch

Approval of February 2023 board meeting minutes

Suzette made a motion to approve the February 2023 board minutes. Jan Irene made a second. All in favor and January 2023 minutes were adopted.

Old Business:

Executive Director Position:

Suzette noted Brandin has graciously accepting the position of the Acting Executive Director.

Amy will stay on and will do administrative tasks. Brandin will review the job description and see what tasks she will be able to take on.

Website: Suzette noted the website needs a lot of updating. We are behind in having the board minutes uploaded and available.

Emails: Amy is doing some clean up related to creating an administrator email.

Working on getting the office organized and having important board related items available for folks as needed.

It will take some time. Suzette noted we will be updating the office furniture (locking cabinets, desks, etc.)

New Business:

Microsoft Teams now available for the board. Brent sent out an email providing everyone access to a Microsoft email and access to Teams.

Suzette noted additional items the board is behind on that we will want to get caught up on: annual report, conflict of interest forms for this year. Suzette noted she wants to make sure Jan Irene has the necessary components to help with community outreach.

Discussion followed about annual report templates. Brandin noted it would be nice to have a template where you could enter metrics that would populate a report template. Suzette noted she will reach out to the Chemeketa teacher that helped with the development of the NSWC logo.

Jan Irene noted she met with CEO of the local soy sauce company. He is interested in participating in the Council of Water Leaders. Jan Irene noted she wants to invite more folks to participate in the Council of Water Leaders and drought planning efforts. She will do more outreach to encourage additional community support. Jan Irene noted she enjoys reaching and sharing our story.

Bird Haven Update:

Jan Irene provided an update on Bird Haven. Greenbelt Land Trust ranked first in the recent OEWB grant cycle for doing restoration work on the property next to Bird Haven. They will be having folks conducting bird surveys, etc. They are looking to collect flower seeds from Kingston Prairie and help restore the prairie located next to Bird Haven. Jan Irene noted the Stayton Fire Department had them burn the Bird Haven prairie.

Jane Irene also noted they had 10k trees replanted on the portion of their property that had ice storm damage.

Jane Irene also noted the Linn County juvenile program germinated 500 oak acorns for them. R. Franco planted the germinated plants. She enjoyed working with them. They have a very sweet operation there.

Jane Irene also noted she purchased willow from Rosario and planted additional willow at Bird Haven.

NSWC Project Manager Update: Brandin Hilbrandt

See attached report.

Will discuss the self-assessment in April.

Announcements

Free Tree Event: April 1, 2023 (10-2pm) North Santiam Canyon Park

DEQ is starting Willamette Subbasin TMDL RAC meetings. More information on DEQ website.

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

April 18, 2023